

CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
March 14, 2017
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, ROOM 111
9:30 A.M.

Notice: These minutes are paraphrased and reflect the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners. MCA 7-4-2611 (2) (b). These minutes were officially approved at the March 28, 2017.

Commission: Chairman Jim Larson, Commissioner Jane Weber and Commissioner Joe Briggs.

Present: Scott VanDyken, Ray Hitchcock, Mark Bodily, Kim Houlton, Steve Erwin, Patty Boyle, Bill Zucconi, Mary Embleton, Carey Ann Haight, Peter Johnson, Bonnie Fogerty, and Marie Johnson.

Reading of the Commissioners calendar: Bonnie Fogerty read the weekly calendar.

Treasurer's Monthly Report of Bank Balances, Investments, Revenues, and Disbursements. Patty Boyle read this report which can be found in Agenda packet dated December 27, 2016.

Purchase orders and accounts payable warrants: Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to approve purchase orders and accounts payable checks #273217 thru #273377 totaling \$29,236.69 and EFT'S #9100103 through #9100103 totaling \$829,236.69 and EFT's #9100093 through #9100103 totaling \$16,819.58 for an AP total of \$830,916.64 dated 02/27/2017 thru 03/03/2017. In addition, payroll checks #90317 through #90416 were issued totaling \$50,011.45 and direct deposits were made totaling \$927,122.25 for a payroll total of \$977,133.70 for the month of February 2017. In addition, invoices and accounts payable checks #272949 through #273216 totaling \$897,770.17 dated 02/17/2017 thru 02/24/2017

Motion carries 3-0

Consent agenda: The consent agenda is made up of routine day-to-day items that require Commission action. Any Commissioner may pull items from the Consent Agenda for further discussion/vote.

Approval of the Minutes and Consent Agenda Items: Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to approve minute entries February 22, 28, March 3, March 8, 2017. In addition, routine resolutions and contracts as follows;

♦ **Resolution 17-23:** Budget Appropriation within the Montana ExpoPark for associated costs and revenues of an additional day of racing that was inadvertently included in the FY 2017 budget and should be included in the FY 2018 budget.

Total Amount: \$12,500. R0336766

♦ **Resolution 17-25:** Hilltop Colony School Opening. Effective: February 21, 2017. R03366846

♦ **Contract 17-15:** Grade Crossing Signals & Surface Tri-Party Agreement between State of Montana Department of Transportation and Cascade County, RRxing-Highland RD-GRT FLS RRP-RRS 7(67), [9086], US DOT 088 277S. NR

♦ **Contract 17-25:** Amendment Number One to MT DPHHS Contract #17027210050 Commodity Supplemental Food Program. Change in authorized caseload: 751 to 775 clients served per month. (Ref: Contract 16-214, R0333018)NR

♦ **Contract 17-26:** Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan & Financial Plan between Cascade County Sheriff's Department and the USDA Forest Service, Agreement #12-LE-11015600-008 for the patrolling of the Lewis and Clark National Forest. Annual Amount: \$3,500. Effective through December 31, 2017. (Renewal)NR

♦ **Contract 17-27:** Perpetual Easement for Right of Way between Flood Properties, LLC and Cascade County. Flood Properties: 341.82-acre parcel, Geocode 02-3015-34-1-01-01-0000. Total Compensation: \$400 *Commissioner Briggs noted that this easement was for the Fox Farm road project.*NR

Motion carries 3-0

AGENDA ITEM #1

MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Contract 17-28 R0337043

Cascade County becomes a signatory to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) addressing mitigation measures to resolve adverse effects to historic Belt Creek Ranger Station and CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) camp resulting from the construction of a tree cooler, a transformer, and a buried utility line on the site.

Carey Ann Haight presented this contract by reading the synopsis found in the Agenda packet dated March 14, 2017. She noted that the Commission added three items to the Memorandum of Agreement, which are:

1. Place recovered artifacts on display at the Belt Creek Ranger Station
2. Create replica artifacts and attach them to proposed interpretive signs
3. Provide Interpretation of the Belt Creek Railroad

The Historic Preservation Advisory Commission unanimously agreed on the additions to the Memorandum of Agreement.

Mark Bodily USDA Forest Service Archaeologist & Heritage Program Manager presented the installation of a tree cooler structure.

He stated that the CCC Camp was disbanded and decommissioned in 1999 and the buildings were removed, and at this time, the property is a meadow used as horse pasture and for a helipad during fire season. This project will disturb some deposits, which will cause an adverse effect to the historic site. Therefore, the Forest Service is required to consult parties to mitigate adverse effects. The Forest Service has Memorandum of Agreement outlining the mitigation measures to these anticipated adverse effects, and they have asked the Cascade County Commission to be a signatory to the agreement.

Commissioner Weber questioned what time line is for implementation of the project.

Mr. Bodily responded that it depends on the weather; but the Forest Service plans to begin the archeological study and hopes to break ground in June on the 30 feet by 40 feet structure.

Commissioner Larson thanked Mr. Bodily for his presentations and shared his concerns about digging in an historical archeological site. He also asked what benefit this would be to Cascade County.

Mr. Bodily emphasized that by entering into this Memorandum of Agreement, the Commission was able to provide input on this project, and the Forest Service agrees to display the objects and/or replicas of found items history, as well as educate the public by providing historical interpretative signs.

Commissioner Weber responded by noting that no buildings exist on the property now. The structures were demolished years ago and the site has already been disturbed by the use of helicopter, and horse pasture. She felt it was a win/win situation and was pleased that an archeological survey will be done to record and preserve the items and the stories from the former CCC Camp. Weber also clarified that a tree cooler keeps trees that are being planted cooled and in their dormant stage until they can be planted.

Chairman Larson called for a motion.

Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to approve Contract 17-28 and sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the USDA, Forest Service outlining mitigation of the adverse effects to the Belt Creek Ranger Station and CCC camp resulting from the construction of a tree cooler, transformer and buried utility line project.

Motion carries 3-0

Commissioner Briggs voiced that all of Montana is covered in history and if we were to preserve everything, no building would be built. He felt this mitigation was reasonable and is not stopping production.

Chairman Larson called for public comment-

Public Participation in decisions of the Board and allowance of public comment on matters the Commission has jurisdiction, on items not covered by Today's agenda. (MCA 2-3-103) No public comment was given.

Adjournment: Chairman Larson adjourned this Commission meeting at 9:50 a.m.